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Getting to 100 – Mayor Reed and Councilmembers to Outline Strategy To Grow San José Police Force and Address Public Safety

Event: Join Mayor Chuck Reed and members of the San José City Council Councilmembers as they outline creative approaches and long-term solutions for public safety.

Mayor Reed will outline ways the Council could expedite his proposal to hire 100 new officers and do so sooner than 2012. Looking at crime and safety concerns holistically, Councilmembers will discuss neighborhood services, gang prevention, traffic calming, and other strategies that impact crime, violence and safety.

When: **Press Conference- Monday, June 16, 2008**
9:30 a.m.

Where: **San José City Hall – Room 120, City Hall Wing Committee Rooms**
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

Note: The City Council Budget hearing is June 16 at 7 p.m. The Council vote on the budget will be June 16 at 2 p.m.

Who: **Mayor Chuck Reed, City of San José**
Councilmember Judy Chirco
Councilmember Pete Constant
Councilmember Nancy Pyle

Background: “Public safety is about more than just police officers,” Mayor Reed said. “Public safety is providing safe places like libraries and community centers for our young people to go after school. Public safety is slowing traffic. Public safety is creating jobs for our youth and ensuring safe, well-lit neighborhoods.”

“Even in tough budget times, we must make every effort to keep our residents safe. We can grow the police force to 1,470 over the next four years, starting with a down-payment of 25 new officers this year,” Mayor Reed said. “By looking creatively at our assets and various city subsidies, we can find additional ongoing revenue that can pay for more than 100 new officers in the near term without eliminating critical services like libraries, community centers, traffic calming, and senior services.”

Interviews: Mayor Reed and other elected officials will be available for one-on-one interviews following the press conference.